TUTORIAL 4: MORE PYTHON AND CODING

Creating Business Value with Generative AI
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PLAN FOR TODAY

- This slides provide also some type of Python *Cheatsheet*
- Available online in Brightspace

1. Recap of some Python basics
2. Python coding in a notebook on uCloud
    i. Start together doing live-coding
    ii. Solve individually and using ChatGPT
    iii. Solve similar problem and fix existing code
    ➡Possible to do the tasks in different levels of complexity
3. Prepare for the next step: Use OpenAI API for analyzing and retrieving data

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PYTHON BASICS

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IF-ELIF-ELSE, PART I

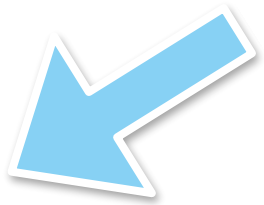
```
duration = 60

if duration < 0:
  print("Time can not be negative!")
elif duration == 60:
  print("Exactly one minute.")
elif duration > 60:
  print("More than one minute.")
else:
  print("It took "+ str(duration) +"seconds.")

message = "That was " + ( "fast" if duration < 30 else "too slow" ) + "!"
print(message)
```

```
Exactly one minute.
That was too slow!
```

IF-ELIF-ELSE, PART I



```
duration = 29

if duration < 0:
  print("Time can not be negative!")
elif duration == 60:
  print("Exactly one minute.")
elif duration > 60:
  print("More than one minute.")
else:
  print("It took "+ str(duration) +"seconds.")

message = "That was " + ( "fast" if duration < 30 else "too slow" ) + "!"
print(message)
```

```
It took 29 seconds.

That was fast!
```

OPERATORS

Comparision	==	Equality
	> and <	Greater than and less than
	>= and <=	Greater than equal and less than equal
Logical	`not`	Negation
	`and`	And
	`or`	Or
Mathematical	* and **	Multiplication and exponentiation
	/ and //	Division and integer division
	+ and -	Addition and subtraction
	`%`	Modulo/remainder
	`in`	Checking for inclusion in tuples, strings, sets
Assign	`=`	Assignment
	`+=`	Addition and assignment
	`-=`	Subtraction and assignment
	/=	Division and assignment

- This is only a small selection.
- Operators are defined for the respective data types.

LOOPS: FOR AND WHILE

```
values = [1, 2, 3, 4]
print(values)
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
for v in values:
  print("v is", v)
```

```
v is 1
v is 2
v is 3
v is 4
```

```
values2 = [ v*2 for v in values ]
print(values2)
```

```
[2, 4, 6, 8]
```

```
while len(values2) > 0:
  print(values2.pop())
```

```
8
6
4
2
```

```
print(values2)
```

```
[]
```

DATA TYPES

- True, False and Null
- Numbers (int and float)
- Strings
- Tuples
- Lists
- Sets
- Dictionaries

```
True, False, None

12, 12.5, 12e3, -20

"Hello World", 'Hello World'

(1, 2, 3, 4), ("A", 2, "C", None), tuple("ABCD")

[1, 2, 3, 4], ["A", 2, "C", None], list((1, 2, 3))

{"a", "b"}, {"a", "a", "b"}, set(("a", "b", "b"))

{"a" : 1, "b" : 2}, dict((("a", 1 ), ("b", 2)))
```

STRINGS

Use for any kind of texts and unknown input.

```
s = "Hello World "

print(s[0])
print(s[:-2])
print(s[1:3])
```

```
H
Hello Worl
el
```

```
print(s.strip() + "!")
print(s.lower())
print(s.replace("ll", "j").replace("o", "").replace("W", "w"))
```

```
Hello World!
hello world
Hej wrld
```

```
print(s == 'Hello World ')
```

```
True
```

```
s += "!"
print(s * 2)
print("World" in s)
```

```
Hello World !Hello World !
True
```

```
print(s.split())
print('-'.join(["Hello", "World!"]))
```

```
['Hello', ,World', '!']
Hello-World!
```

```
print("Hello {you}, my name is {me}".format(you="A", me="M"))
```

```
Hello A, my name is M
```

LISTS

```
lis1 = list((1, 2, 3))
lis2 = [5, 6, 7]

print(lis1[:-1])
print(lis1 + lis2)

lis1.append(False)
lis1.extend(lis2)
print(lis1)

print(sorted(lis1),
  lis1.sort(), lis1)

for i, v in enumerate(lis2):
  print(i, v)


lis3 = [i for i in range(10)]
print(lis3)
```

```
[1, 2]
[1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7]

[1, 2, 3, False, 5, 6, 7]

[False, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7]
   None [False, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7]

0 5
1 6
2 7

[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

Use for ordered collections of data items, do not use for fast inclusion checks or unique data → use set or dictionary instead.

DICTIONARIES

```
dic = {"a" : 1, "b" : 2}

print(dic["a"])
dic["c"] = 3
print(dic)

del dic["b"]
print("b" in dic, "b" not in dic)

for k in dic: # dic.keys()
  print(k)

for v in dic.values():
  print(v)

for k, v in dic.items():
  print(k, v)
```

```
1

{'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}

False True

a
c

1
3

a 1
c 3
```

Use for key => value data items.
The keys are unique per dictionary and the values can be any type of data.
Fast check if key contained, fast access of values via key.

TUPLES

```
tup1 = (1, 2, 3)
tup2 = 5, 6, 7

print(tup1[0])
print(tup2)

a, b = "A", "B"
print(a, b)

for (i, j) in ((1,"a"), (2, "b"), (3, "c")):
  print(i, j)
```

```
1
(5, 6, 7)

A B

1 a
2 b
3 c
```

Tuples cannot be modified or extended! Otherwise, similar to list.

FUNCTION DEFINITIONS

```
def add_or_multiply(x, y, add=True):

  if add:
    return x + y
  else:
    return x * y
```

```
print(add_or_multiply(1, 2))
print(add_or_multiply(1, 2, False))

print(add_or_multiply(x=5, y=6, add=True))
print(add_or_multiply(x=5, add=False, y=6))

add_or_multiply = "Hallo"
add_or_multiply(1, 2)
```

```
3
2

11
30

Traceback:
   add_or_multiply(1,2)
TypeError: 'str' object is not callable
```

HELPFUL FUNCTIONS

Strings	`s.strip()`	Removes whitespace (spaces) at the beginning and end of a string.
	`s.lower()`	Converts all characters in a string to their lowercase version.
	`s.replace(x, y)`	Replaces all occurrences of x with y in a string.
	`s.split(x)`	Splits a string at each occurrence of x and creates a list.
	`s.join(x)`	Joins the elements of the list x into a string with s as the separator.
Lists	`l.append(x)`	Adds a new element x to a list.
Dictionaries	`d.items()`	Iterates over all elements of a dictionary as tuples of key and value.
	`d.values()`	Iterates over all values of a dictionary.
Iteration	`enumerate(l)`	Enumerates all elements of a list, outputting tuples consisting of a run index and value.
	`zip(l1, l2)`	Iterates over two lists simultaneously and outputs the values with the same index together.
	`range(x)`	Allows iteration from 0 to x-1.
Types	`str(x)`	Converts x to a string.
	`int(x)`	Converts x to an integer (rounding down).
	`float(x)`	Converts x to a floating point number.
	`type(x)`	Determines the type of x.
General	`print(x)`	Outputs x.
	`open(f, r)`	Opens a file f with permission r (“r” for read, “w” for write).
	`len(x)`	Determines the length of x.

AN EXAMPLE

Import CSV file, filter out all numbers line by line, and export only the numbers as CSV.

```
def extract_numbers(l):
  l = l.strip()
  numbers = []
  for p in l.split(","):
    if p.strip().isnumeric():
      numbers.append(int(p))
  return numbers

def build_csv(nl):
  csv = ""
  for line in nl:
    csv += ','.join([
      str(n) for n in line
    ]) + "\n"
  return csv
```

name.csv

```
A,  Otto, 12, 2045
B, Heinz, 13, 5689
C, Franz, 89, 38594
D, Ernst, 09, 2830
```

```
f = open("name.csv", "r")
lines = f.readlines()
f.close()

new_lines = []
for line in lines:
  numbers = extract_numbers(line)
  new_lines.append([n ** 2 for n in numbers])

print(build_csv(new_lines))
```

```
144,4182025
169,32364721
7921,1489496836
81,8008900
```

JAVASCRIPT OBJECT NOTATION (JSON)

```python
import json

d = {
  "a" : 1,
  "b" : "B",
  "c" : [1.2, 1.3, 1.4],
  "e" : None
}

json_str = json.dumps(d, indent=2)
print(json_str)
```

```
{
  "a": 1,
  "b": "B",
  "c": [
    1.2,
    1.3,
    1.4
  ],
  "e": null
}
```

```python
d_ = json.loads(json_str)
print(d_)
```

```
{'a': 1, 'b': 'B', 'c': [1.2, 1.3, 1.4], 'e': None}
```